

**ABSOLUTE RATING:** Good  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Below Average

Number of districts with students like ours: 14.

The absolute ratings for those districts ranged from average to good. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to average.

#### Definitions of District Rating Terms

**Excellent-** District performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

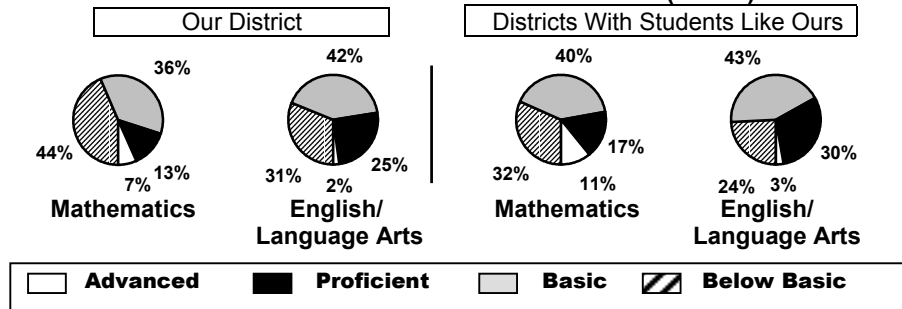
**Good-** District performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average-** District performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average-** District is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory-** District performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

### PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



#### DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- **Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- **Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- **Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- **Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

#### PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Percent of Seniors Passing the Exit Exam	Percent of Seniors Qualifying for LIFE Scholarships	Percent of Students Scoring Basic or Above on the PACT	
			ELA	Math
<b>All Students</b>	97.3%	23.4%	68.8%	56.4%
Students with disabilities other than Speech	50.0%	0.0%	25.4%	19.7%
Students without disabilities	98.0%	24.5%	71.6%	58.7%
<b>Gender</b>				
Male	95.8%	18.9%	63.4%	55.7%
Female	98.7%	27.6%	75.2%	57.7%
<b>Ethnic Group</b>				
African-American	100.0%	4.3%	55.2%	39.4%
Hispanic	100.0%	0.0%	N/A	N/A
White	96.7%	29.4%	73.6%	61.7%
Other	N/A	0.0%	N/A	N/A
<b>Lunch Status</b>				
Free/ Reduced-Price Lunch	95.7%	5.9%	58.3%	44.7%
Pay for Lunch	97.6%	26.6%	77.6%	65.9%

### TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	First-time Examinees		
	1999	2000	2001
Our district			
Passed all 3 subtests	79.9%	82.7%	82.7%
Passed 2 subtests	13.8%	12.8%	13.9%
Passed 1 subtest	4.4%	3.8%	2.3%
Passed no subtest	1.9%	0.6%	1.2%
Districts with students like ours			
Passed all 3 subtests	67.5%	72.2%	71.6%
Passed 2 subtests	17.5%	15.0%	16.3%
Passed 1 subtest	9.7%	8.4%	8.0%
Passed no subtest	5.2%	4.4%	4.1%

### LIFE scholarships at four-year institutions

	Eligible	Percent of Seniors Meeting Grade Point Average Requirement	Meeting SAT/ACT Requirement
		52.3%	23.4%
Our District	23.4%		
Districts Like Ours	20.6%	52.7%	22.0%

**College Admissions Tests:** Tests that are frequently used in the college admissions process.

	SAT Verbal		SAT Math		SAT Total		ACT English		ACT Math		ACT Reading		ACT Science		ACT Total	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
District	492	487	505	502	997	989	22.8	19.5	22.0	19.3	20.4	19.1	20.4	19.2	21.6	19.5
State	484	486	482	488	966	974	18.7	18.8	19.2	19.3	19.5	19.5	19.2	19.2	19.3	19.3
Nation	505	506	514	514	1019	1020	20.5	20.5	20.7	20.7	21.4	21.3	21.0	21.0	21.0	21.0

*These tests were administered to samples of students:*

**Terra Nova Test:** A national, norm-referenced achievement test.

Percent scoring in upper half

	Reading		Language		Math		Total	
	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation
Grade 4	47.8	50.0	43.1	50.0	58.4	50.0	50.5	50.0
Grade 7	45.8	50.0	59.4	50.0	54.7	50.0	53.9	50.0
Grade 10	59.6	50.0	59.5	50.0	62.4	50.0	59.1	50.0

**National Assessment of Education Progress :** A national, criterion-referenced achievement test.

#### Percents of Students

Test	Grade	Year	Advanced		Proficient		Basic		Below Basic	
			State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation
Reading	4	1998	4	6	18	23	33	32	45	39
Writing	8	1998	0	1	15	23	64	59	21	17
Mathematics	4	2000	2	3	16	23	42	43	40	31

## DISTRICT PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF DISTRICT PERFORMANCE

	This District	Change from Last Year	Districts With Students Like Ours	Median District
<b>DISTRICT</b>				
• Dollars per student	\$5,519	N/A	\$6,303	\$6,464
• Prime instructional time	90.6%	Down from 91.1%	90.2%	89.4%
• Student-teacher ratio	22.2 to 1	N/A	21 to 1	20.2 to 1
• Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0%	N/A	0.4%	0.6%
<b>STUDENTS (n=2,832)</b>				
• Advanced placement/ int'l baccalaureate program exam success ratio	9.3%	N/A	46.5%	43.8%
• Attendance Rate	95.6%	Down from 95.7%	96%	95.7%
• Taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	2.1%	N/A	5.3%	5.8%
• Taking PACT (Math) off grade level	1.2%	N/A	4.1%	4.5%
• Retention rate	3.4%	Up from 2.7%	5.4%	6.0%
<b>TEACHERS (n=173)</b>				
• Professional development days per teacher	6.3 Days	Up from 6	7.4 Days	7.8 Days
• Attendance rate	95.4%	Down from 96%	95.3%	95.2%
• Advanced Degrees	61.3%	Down from 64.2%	50.4%	44.4%
• Continuing contracts	86.1%	Down from 86.7%	86%	81.4%
• Out-of-field permits	0.6%	Up from 0%	1.8%	2.2%
• Teachers returning from the previous year	89.1%	Down from 90.1%	90.9%	89.5%
• Average salary	\$39,858	Up 3.9%	\$38,805	\$37,143

## DISTRICT FACTS

<b>DISTRICT</b>				
• Annual dropout rate	0.7%	No change	3%	2.9%
• Percentage spent on teacher salaries	54.8%	N/A	52.4%	50.9%
• Superintendent's years in the district	17	N/A	5.5	3.5
• Parent conferences	86.2%	N/A	86%	81.0%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
• Number of schools	4	No change	9	8
• Number of alternative schools	0	No change	0	0
• Number of charter schools	0	No change	0	0
• Number of magnet schools	0	N/A	0	0
• Portable classrooms	0%	N/A	4.3%	6.5%
• Attendance rate of district office staff	98.1%	N/A	98%	97.5%
• Average administrative salary	\$68,916	Up 5.2%	\$66,396	\$64,098
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• Enrollment in adult education GED or diploma programs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Percent of completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Suspensions and expulsions	29	N/A	124	100
• Percent eligible for state gifted and talented programs	10.6%	Down from 11.6%	15.5%	10.5%
• Percentage with disabilities other than speech	5.8%	Up from 4.7%	11.3%	10.5%

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118 McEdco Road  
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**Grades** K-12

**Enrollment:** 2,832 Students

**Superintendent** William L. Howell 864-476-3186

**Board Chair** Milton C. Smith 864-476-3513

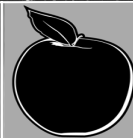
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### DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Spartanburg County School District Four has the essential ingredients for all students to reach their educational goals. Our faculty, staff, and administration are outstanding; our academic and extracurricular programs are comprehensive and challenging; our technology and instructional resources are state-of-the-art; our facilities are spacious, modern, and well maintained; our expectations for student achievement and behavior are high; and our school board and community are supportive of our school district. The future for District Four is very bright. It is an exciting and challenging time to be involved in public education in District Four. District Four is a school district where energy and idealism prevail and students are our top priority. Thank you for your commitment to public education in District Four, and thank you for your support in making the 2001-2002 school year the best year we have ever had.

William L. Howell



### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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